

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Specification as shown below, in which deleted terms are shown with strikethrough and added terms are shown with underscoring.

Please replace the second paragraph on page 9, beginning with the words “A substantially cylindrical valve ball” with the following amended paragraph:

A substantially ~~cylindrical~~ spherical valve ball 95 is dimensioned to fit snugly inside of the passageway 90 of the sleeve 88, and is disposed substantially in the center thereof (Figure 10A). The valve ball 95 has a cylindrical bore 96 formed centrally therethrough, and also has a slot 97 formed in an outer side surface thereof. A pair of bushings 98, 100, having respective inwardly-facing concave sealing surfaces 99, 101 formed therein, fit into the passageway 90 on opposite sides of the valve ball 95, and serve to anchor the valve ball in place in the valve body, and cooperate therewith to form the valve closure. The bushings 98, 100 also have respective openings 102, 104 formed therethrough, as shown.